

# Voluntarily Yours



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## Tempe Benefits from the Care of *Tempe Cares*

### Applications for Summer Volunteer Program for Students Available April 2

Every summer about 200 middle school, high school and college students volunteer with the City of Tempe at the library, museum, city swimming pools and with city programs.

They gain valuable work-like experience, build their resume' for future job and college applications and make positive use of their free time during June and July.

Applications will be available online and from the Volunteer Office starting Monday, April 2.

Sign up early for best selection!



Saturday, March 3, 2012 broke with clear skies and warm temperatures, a great start for the annual *Tempe Cares* project in Tempe. Mayor **Hugh Hallman** welcomed the more than 300 volunteers before sending them off to help revitalize three parks and two elementary schools—Getz and Wood Schools; Clark, Svob and Celaya Parks.

*Tempe Cares* is the community's signature annual volunteer event, organized by the members of *Tempe Leadership*, with hundreds of Tempe residents, employees, students, businesses and organizations joining forces to improve the

community and show how much they care. Each year, *Tempe Cares* focuses on a different

need in the community, bringing together resources and volunteers to help others in the community and improve quality of life for everyone in Tempe.

The almost 300 volunteers spread out to paint nine portable classrooms, update safety curbing in parking lots, paint basket-

ball poles and install new basketball nets at the schools. The parks benefited from painting of picnic tables and benches, restrooms, walls, and the Clark Park community center. Landscaping was leared and refreshed, too.

The Tempe Fire Department pitched in as well, visiting 162 homes, where they installed 15 smoke detectors and changed more than 20 smoke detector batteries.

According to **David Felix**, chairman of the Tem-



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## An Invitation to Adults Over 50

Thousands of experienced adults across the country are working to make a difference in their communities through the AARP Experience Corps reading tutoring program. You are invited to join them for school year 2012/2013!

Experience Corps volunteers work in Tempe elementary schools providing one-on-one early literacy tutoring to children in Grades 1 through 3. Volunteers are provided with comprehensive training, excellent support services and orientation.

Just a few hours in a neighborhood school can change a child's life—and yours! Find out more by attending an information session on Tuesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. in the Tempe Public Library Connections Cafe program room.



For more details, please contact **Peggy Goldberg** at 480-858-2465 or **Rebecca Bond** at 480-350-5490 or visit the Experience Corps website at <http://www.experiencecorps.org/index.cfm>

*The man who gives  
little with a smile  
Gives more than the  
man who gives much  
with a frown.  
-Jewish Proverb*

## CARE7 Helps With Launch of Pilot *Silent Partner* Project

It is estimated that as many as 5.1 million Americans may have Alzheimer's disease, and the incidence of the disease is rising in line with the aging population. More than 60% of people who have Alzheimer's wander at some point, according to the Alzheimer's Association. Alzheimer's disease can erase a person's memory of once-familiar surroundings, as well as make it extremely difficult to adapt to new surroundings. As a result, people who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, may wander away from their homes or care centers and turn up lost, frightened and disoriented—sometimes far from where they started. In an Arizona summer, that can be deadly.

In recognition of this problem, a committee with representatives from Tempe Community Council, Tempe Police, Tempe's CARE7 Crisis Response Team, East Valley Adult Resources and others was convened to research solutions. They found a California company—EmFinders—that had developed a locator device based on cell phone technology that could be worn as a bracelet. The next hurdle was funding. A grant from Tempe Community Foundation cleared the way for a pilot program called *Silent Partner*. Through its work with the community, CARE7 team members come in contact with vulnerable Tempe residents who could possibly benefit from the *Silent Partner* pro-

## Volunteering Takes Coordinator to Nicaragua

By Mary Anna Bastin, Editor

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Seeking to “walk the walk” and “put my money where my mouth is”, on Friday, February 17, I boarded American Airlines to fly to Managua, Nicaragua to serve as part of a nine day, six-person dental mission. I don’t know a thing about dentistry other than caring for my own teeth and I don’t speak Spanish, but I was told there is always plenty to do and I was welcomed to the team. Our group consisted of two dentists and their wives, one of whom is a hygienist, a Spanish-speaker and me.



Our goal was to provide for the dental needs of the 47 girls and young women who are the residents of the Emmanuel Children’s Home for girls in Diriambi, Nicaragua, about an hour’s drive into the mountains outside of Managua, the capital of the country. These girls have been removed from their families

due to abuse or other traumatic situations and don’t have access to regular dental care. The home, neighboring bible institute where we stayed, mission house and a school are programs of Baptist Medical and Dental Ministries International out of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Arriving late at night, the 10 bags of dental equipment we took were held up in Nicaraguan customs. No amount of pleading our case or showing the correct paperwork could get them to release the bags. At that point, we were unsure if the whole mission



Left: the team: **Mickell Denning** with some of the girls from the Emmanuel Children’s Home in Diriamba, Nicaragua. Above: Mickell Denning, me, Dr. Richard Martin, Dr. Jerry Denning, Arnold Aguirre; front, Judy Martin

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pe Cares committee, “Without the support of our volunteers, local businesses and city departments, this event could not be a success. We look forward to planning our event for 2013.”

Tempe Cares, founded in 1991, was the inspiration of former Tempe City Councilwoman **Carol E. Smith** who wanted to see the community come together to help the greater good. *Tempe Cares* is a project of the *Tempe Leadership* program. For nearly three decades, *Tempe Leadership* has played a key role

in bringin active, engaged community members together to effect positive and lasting change in the Tempe community.

*Tempe Leadership* is a program of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and seeks to identify a diverse group of emerging leaders and foster their leadership skills through education, experience and exposure and service to the ommunity. For more information, visit <http://tempeleadership.org/about-tempe-leadership/>





It's volunteer recognition season! The volunteers of the Tempe History Museum were recognized with a luncheon in their honor on Monday, February 13. Twelve volunteers were recognized with service pins for service ranging from 5 to 20 years. Pictured (l) is **Amy Douglass**, museum administrator, presenting the 20-year pin to **James McBride**, as well as staff and volunteers enjoying lunch (r).



*Tempe Public Library adult volunteers were also recently recognized with an Arizona Centennial-themed luncheon in their honor on March 20. Pictured are **Lupe Carmago**, president of the Friends of the Library, and **Charlie Meyer**, Tempe City Manager, expressing appreciation for all that the library volunteers do. Adults, youth and Friends of the Library served more than 15,000 hours during 2011.*



## We are Grateful for...

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We are grateful for the many school, neighborhood, church and corporate groups, as well as Boy Scouts and others, who help run the city's special events and activities, as well as work in our parks and habitat areas.

Our thanks to those listed below who assisted with one or more projects between January 1 and March 31, 2012.

THANK YOU

### Group Parks Projects

Bank of America

Federal Express

Intel IT Department

McClintock National Honor Society

Starbuck's (3 stores)

Tempe Sheraton Hotel

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Valley Forward

Walden University

### Special Events

Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity

ASU Marketing Association

ASU Delta Sigma Pi

Girl Scout Troop 1419

McClintock High School's  
Key Club and National  
Honor Society

Peggy Payne Academy

Standard Aero Co.

Stand & Serve Club

Tempe Cares/Tempe  
Leadership

Tempe Federal Express  
Employees

Tempe High Key Club

Valley Christian High School

### Completed Eagle Scout

#### Projects

Daniel Conn

Samuel Evans

Joseph Russell

Donnie Wilmlink

### New Adopt-A-Park Volunteer

#### Groups

ASU Alpha epsilon Honors

Pre-Health Organization

Selleh Neighborhood Association

The Centers for Habilitation

Merci

## Congratulations to Eleanor and Jim!

**Eleanor Pickett** and **James Wright** were recognized as Volunteers Emeritus at the Tempe History Museum on February 13. The museum designates those individuals who have completed long and meritorious volunteer careers with the museum as "Volunteer Emeritus. Although they are no longer actively volunteering, they are still considered part of the museum's service team and continue to be included in all volunteer social activities at the museum.

Eleanor worked in the museum's Archive from January 1995 through May 2010 where she mounted and cataloged photographs and documents. James worked in the museum's darkroom creating photographic reprints used in the exhibit hall and other areas from July 1997 through April 2010. Congratulations!



## Meet the Coordinators—Michelle Dock

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**Michelle Dock** is an Arts Coordinator at the city's Tempe Center for the Arts where she is responsible for the art gallery. Part of her duties is to recruit, train and utilize volunteer docents in the gallery. Wikipedia defines docents as "educators trained to further the public's understanding of cultural and historical collections." More than 13,000 people visited the gallery last year and many were shown around by a docent or came with a group for a docent-led tour. Michelle's trusty cadre volunteered more than XX hours welcoming visitors and making their visit more meaningful.

Michelle is married. Her husband works at Salt River Project, and they have two young sons that keep them both busy.

### How long have you worked for the City of Tempe?

I have worked for the City of Tempe for more than five years now as the Gallery Coordinator for the Tempe Center for the Arts. I also manage several other gallery spaces in the city such as those at the Tempe library, Edna Vihel Activity Building and the post office on Mill Avenue.

### What is your educational background and work history?

I grew up in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history from New Mexico State University. I moved to Arizona in 1995 and interned at the Arizona Commission on the Arts before attending Arizona State University where I earned a Master of Arts degree in art education. The focus of my masters thesis was on docent education and inquiry skills. I have worked in museums and arts education institutions for more than 17 years, at places such as the ASU Art Museum and Shemer Art Center and Museum.

### What is your favorite part of working with volunteers?

Working with volunteer docents and providing arts education opportunities to visitors are the most favorite parts of My job. I learn something from our volunteers every day and they make my workday a lot more fun.

### What's your favorite thing to do when you aren't working?

These days, I love spending time with my boys and dog training with our new puppy. I am also addicted to audio books in my car. Odd "Michelle" fact—I am Genie-Lift Certified so I can change a light bulb at the TCA gallery with its 29 foot high ceilings!



**Michelle Dock**



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would have to be aborted after our long flight, but luckily the bags were released the next day with an “oops, we made a mistake” on the part of Customs. I guess that’s pretty typical in third world countries.



That afternoon (Saturday), we set up the “clinic” in a classroom at the Institute and started examining the girls and staff from the home. This modest clinic had two stations for the dentists and one for the hygienist. Dental chairs were folding camp chairs and the chairs the dentists sat on were plastic resin chairs from the dining room. Dental equipment was sterilized in a pressure cooker over a camp stove. However, we slept on actual beds and had hot water for our showers. I was told by dentist Jerry and his wife Mickell that these were luxury accommodations compared to what they have encountered in Africa!

Work lighting was provided by flashlights shined into the mouths of the girls, one of my main functions. By the end of the week, I did work my way up to setting up equipment trays and doing the final brushing and flossing instruction for the hygienist’s patients. I also learned how to wipe the blood off of dental instruments before putting them in the disinfectant baths. My favorite part, however, was holding the hands of and providing encouragement to frightened girls and adults.

I’ve been asked if I would do it again and my answer is, “I don’t know”. It was a wonderful experience, but I wish had more skills to offer. What I did take away is what a beautiful and pleasant people the Nicaraguans are. I was struck by their patience, good humor and graciousness, many waiting for hours to see the dentists. It’s a beautiful country, but one with grinding poverty. It may seem obvious to some, but I was also struck by how much alike we all are. The trip also confirmed how satisfying helping others is and how it can give purpose and meaning to life. It also confirmed how exciting volunteering can be--it can literally take you around the world to new experiences and people!

*If you can't feed  
100 people, then  
feed just one.*

*-Mother Theresa*

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gram. Such a resident is referred to East Valley Adult Resources who makes contact with the client or a family member and will set up an appointment to perform an assessment.

Community members can also contact EVAR directly. The cost of the monitoring device may be free or subsidized depending on financial need. There is a \$25 monthly monitoring fee. CARE7 Coordinator **Kris Scharlau** says, “We come in contact with many wanderers

who may suffer from dementia or Alzheimer’s. Their families and caregivers often suffer with anxiety over the safety of their loved ones. We hope that this new device will provide another tool ... and will assist with a proactive approach to this expanding problem in our community.”

For more information, contact Linda or Carla of East Valley Adult Resources at 480-962-5612.

**A newsletter for  
City of Tempe  
volunteers**

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**Helping make Tempe  
the best place to  
live, work and play  
through service to  
the community!**

## Mission of the Volunteer Program

The mission of the City of Tempe volunteer program is to connect citizens to their city government through opportunities to serve within the Tempe municipal government organization and the community.

Volunteers serve in Tempe government offices, programs and facilities and expand and enhance the services the city is able to provide to the community. Volunteers enable the city to stretch tax dollars and improve the lives of its citizens.

A wide variety of service opportunities exist for individuals and groups, from sixth graders through golden-agers, from a few hours to years of service.

## Happy Birthday to You!

### April

4/2 Michelle Aubuchont, VIP  
4/2 Jessica Fuller, VIP  
4/4 David Weber, VIP  
4/4 Edwin Wells, VIP  
4/5 Mary Kay Byke, TPL  
4/12 Liz Lopez  
4/12 Sara Jane Odneal, TPL  
4/13 Alma Mendoza, TPL  
4/15 Moira Files, TPL  
4/15 Alexander Konstantinov, TPL  
4/15 Diane Much, VIP  
4/16 Joyce Lowenstein, THM  
4/17 Amanda Lawrence, VIP  
4/19 Linda Kurth, VIP  
4/19 Angelica Fernandez, VIP  
4/19 Ed Reis, FTPL  
4/20 Lisa Roach, THM  
4/22 Olivia Lara, Cultural  
4/27 Brittany Cole, TPL  
4/30 Tyler Read, TPL

### May

5/1 Sandra Futch, THM  
5/1 Terry Starks, VIP  
5/3 Moses Habib, TPL  
5/6 Ray Emond, VIP  
5/6 Michael Nicaastro, Public Works  
5/9 Brandon Clark, VIP  
5/9 Melaine Corrao, Friends of TPL  
5/9 Karen Sue Hovenga, CARE7

### 5/11 Cole Klassen, TPL

5/11 Jan Murra, Experience Corps  
5/12 John Burchard, FTPL  
5/12 Arthur Hesseltine, VIP  
5/12 Jackie Mings, Pyle Center  
5/13 Raissa Devereux, THM  
5/13 Andrea Erickson, THM  
5/14 Steve Goerwitz, FTPL  
4/14 Nikolas Rasheta, VIP  
5/16 Skip Hughes, VIP  
5/16 Mandri Randeniya, TPL  
5/16 Sherri Starkey, THM  
5/22 Leslie Combs, Escalante Center  
5/22 Wen-Ling Liu-Dombrowski, FTPL  
5/24 Junior Meier, Buddy Bowling  
5/26 Jane Fastiggi, TPL  
5/27 Carolyn Martins, FTPL  
5/27 Lydia Pina, VIP  
5/28 Lily wick, TPL  
5/29 Louise Sallquist, THM  
5/31 Sruthi Jayaram, Human Resources  
5/31 Troy Lovelady, CERT

### June

6/2 Marjorie Squier, TPL  
6/4 Babu Giridar, TPL  
6/6 Julia Bruck, Cultural  
6/6 Marney Glancy, FTPL  
6/6 Margaret Moran, VIP  
6/8 Sally Clark, THM  
6/12 Kristine Buisman, VIP  
6/12 Joe Rio, CERT  
6/14 Chris DeArmas, Escalante  
6/14 Beth Fisher, THM  
6/14 Sharon Meyers, CARE7  
6/15 John Corazzol, TCA Docent  
6/16 Michael Megee, VIP  
6/17 Brandon Rop, VIP  
6/19 Barbara Hawkins, FTPL  
6/20 Judith Castle, VIP  
6/20 Kayla Courtney, Escalante  
6/20 Debora Farmis, VIP  
6/20 Susan Jensen, THM  
6/23 Marilyn Moor, THM  
6/25 Pat Frase, VIP  
6/27 Tim Anderson, Recreation



Do we have your birth date?

CERT = Citizen Emergency Response Team  
TCA = Tempe Center for the Arts  
FTPL = Friends of the Tempe Public Library  
THM = Tempe History Museum  
TPL = Tempe Public Library  
VIP = Volunteers in Policing